



Approved: *Bridget Donnell Newton*
Attest: *Sara Taylor-Ferrell*
Approved Meeting No. 31-20;
March 1, 2021

**Monday, October 5, 2020
MAYOR AND COUNCIL
MEETING NO. 31-20
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND**

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND COUNCIL PRESIDING

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Bridget Donnell Newton	Mayor	Present
Monique Ashton	Councilmember	Present
Beryl L. Feinberg	Councilmember	Present
David Myles	Councilmember	Present
Mark Pierzchala	Councilmember	Present

1. Convene

The Mayor and Council convened in a virtual Open Session at 6:03p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2020, via Webex.

Staff Present: City Manager Rob DiSpirito, Acting City Attorney Cynthia Walters, and City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Agenda Review

City Clerk/Director of Council Operations Sara Taylor-Ferrell reported no changes to the Agenda.

4. City Manager's Report

City Manager Rob DiSpirito presented information on events and topics: Thanks to Rockville Police Department, in partnership with the Maryland State Department of Natural Resources and Montgomery County Police, to protect residents from an aggressive animal last week. Residents are urged to sign up for Alert Rockville, the system that sends text or email notifications about weather, safety or traffic emergencies www.rockvillemd.gov/about-rockville.

The Fall Tree Giveaway is scheduled Saturday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Large shade and small flowering trees are available while

supplies last. Pre-registration is required at www.rockvillemd.gov/environment. Please use face coverings and social distancing when picking up trees.

Thank you to the City of Rockville Special Events team for their first ever Virtual Rocktoberfest! COVID has forced the team to pivot to virtual events, music, beer tasting and cooking demonstrations. Thanks to our partners and everyone who participated.

As a reminder, the City's annual Antique and Classic Car Show, scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, is cancelled.

Finally, due to court orders, the October 5, 2020 target date to conclude the Census is not operative, and data collection operations will continue through October 31, 2020. The current census **Self- Response** rate is as follow: National: 66.6%, Maryland: 70.8%, Rockville: 76.5%.

The City will continue coordination with the County and the Census Bureau in its outreach efforts to increase the participation of Rockville's residents.

5. COVID-19 Update

Emergency Manager Dr. Mark Landahl provided an update of the COVID-19 impact on the City, County, State, and Nationwide.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

October 5, 2020. Agenda Item 5.

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6. Proclamation

A. Proclamation Declaring October 2020 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton read the Proclamation declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

	RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

B. Proclamation Declaring October 12 as Indigenous Peoples' Day

Councilmember Monique Ashton moved and read the Proclamation declaring October 12 as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

	RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

C. Proclamation Declaring October 2020 as National Arts and Humanities Month

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved and read the Proclamation declaring October 2020 as National Arts and Humanities Month.

	RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

D. Proclamation Declaring National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved and read the Proclamation declaring October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and presented to it to the Founder and Director of Women Who Care Ministries Judith Clark.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	
MOVER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
SECONDER:	David Myles, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Mark Pierzchala

7. Consent

A. Authorization to Release and Extinguish Two Existing Storm Drain Easements and an Existing Sewer Easement on Parcel A of the Fallsmead Subdivision

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala moved the Consent Agenda.

RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]	
MOVER:	Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

8. Community Forum

Name	Topic
Speaker by Computer - Nancy Breen Chair of Rockville Bicycle Advocacy Committee (RBAC)	Agenda item #11 Road Diet
Written Comments Ethan Goffman	Agenda item #11 Road Diet
Written Comments Judy Rudolph	1. REDI Worksession with Board of Directors 2. Town Center Initiative
Written Comments Jonathan Goldsmith	Agenda item #11 Road Diet

9. Mayor and Council's Response to Community Forum

Mayor and Council thanked all speakers for their participation in Community Forum.

10. Worksession with the Board of Directors of Rockville Economic Development Inc.

Assistant Director for Planning and Economic Development David Levy presented a brief overview of the Rockville Economic Development Inc. (REDI) 5th Amendment of the Agreement between REDI and the Mayor and Council of the City of Rockville and goals regarding the new draft Agreement.

Rockville Economic Development Inc., Cindy Rivarde, CEO presented a brief overview of the Annual Report and plans for FY2021.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council hold a discussion with the REDI Board of Directors, with the purpose of discussing REDI's future activities to promote economic development in Rockville. Staff also recommends that the Mayor and Council indicate its support for the draft new agreement between the City and REDI or provide direction on any changes it wishes to make.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

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THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WENT INTO A BRIEF RECESS AT 9:09 P.M. THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL WORKSESSION RECONVENED AT 9:13 P.M.

11. Presentation of Consultant's Analysis of North Washington Street and East Middle Lane

Director of Public Works Craig Simoneau presented the Town Center Road Analysis report and its recommendations.

Staff recommends that the Mayor and Council direct staff on next steps.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

October 5, 2020 Agenda Item 11.

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12. Review and Comment - Mayor and Council Action Report

A. Action Report

Mayor and Council reviewed the Action Report.

13. Review and Comment - Future Agendas

The Mayor and Council reviewed Future Agendas.

14. Old/New Business

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg moved to approve the proposal submitted by Mr. William Risso for Drive-In Movie Night in Rockville, for Rockville residents, and redirect funds up to a maximum of \$3,000 for this event.

MOVER:	RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Beryl L. Feinberg, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala

Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg requested staff and the City Attorney to work on a draft resolution for Equity and Diversity within the City.

Councilmember David Myles made the recommendation for a discussion about whether the Mayor and Council could make filing false police report a municipal infraction.

Councilmember Mark Pierzchala recommended Councilmember David Myles recommendation for further and broader discussion on Social Justice and Biases be added to the Action Report.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

MOVER:	RESULT: APPROVED [UNANIMOUS] Mark Pierzchala, Councilmember
SECONDER:	Monique Ashton, Councilmember
IN FAVOR:	Mayor Newton, Councilmember Ashton, Councilmember Feinberg, Councilmember Myles, Councilmember Pierzchala